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1. SINCE 1972 INTERMITTENT DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN INTERPOL DAMASCUS AND INTERPOL US NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU (IN TRASURY) AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING US GRANT ASSISTANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR INTERPOL DAMASCUS TO USE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING. THE HIGH-FREQUENCY EQUIPMENT WAS TO GIVE SYRIAN INTERPOL AUTHORITIES A DIRECT RADIO LINK WITH BEIRUT, ENABLING THEM TO PASS ON TO INTERPOL HEADQUARTERS PARIS AND TO THE US INFORMATION REGARDING SUSPECTED TRANS-SHIPMENTS OF DRUGS THROUGH SYRIA TO LEBANON.

2. THE NEA INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP AND THE CCINC COORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED THIS PROPOSAL, WHERE BY INTERPOL WASHINGTON WOULD MAKE PRESENTATION
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IN DAMASCUS.

3. AFTER REPEATED INQUIRIES FOR INFORMATION ON FREQUENCIES COMPATIBLE WITH RELATED SYSTEMS IN LEBANON, PARIS, ETC., INTERPOL DAMASCUS NOW ADVISES THAT "FOR TECHNICAL REASONS" IT PREFER TO START WITH A DAMASCUS/BEIRUT LINK THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL TELEX NETWORK RATHER THAN THE HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO LINK DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BEIRUT AND EMBASSY DAMASCUS VIEWS OF THIS AMENDED PROPOSAL. SPECIFICALLY, WOULD A TELEX VICE HIGH-FREQUENCY LIKE BE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING INTERPOL BEIRUT SYSTEMS? IF NOT, WOULD INTERPOL BEIRUT BE WILLING TO ACQUIRE COMPATIBLE SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE SYRIANS (MEANWHILE, WE ARE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION FROM DAMASCUS THROUGH INTERPOL CHANNELS ON EQUIPMENT DESIRED).
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